

Nantong report

Phase 2 of the China Import and Export Fair started

Nantong enterprises obtained high-quality intention orders

By Wu Xiaoyun

On 23rd April, phase 2 of the 135th China Import and Export Fair (Canton Fair) was started. On the site, in total 3 panels and 15 exhibition areas including household products, gifts and decorations, and building materials and furniture were set up. Nantong enterprises were in exhibition areas such as building and decorative materials, kitchenware and tableware, gifts and premiums, and furniture. By paying return visits to old clients and making new friends, a batch of high-quality intention orders were obtained.

On the first day of Phase 2 of the Fair, 7 old clients were invited to the booth of Nantong Sailin Textile Co., Ltd., and reached intended purchase amount of 500

thousand U.S. dollars. The relevant person in charge introduced that new clients have increased obviously compared with that of last batch. Apart from new clients from traditional European and American markets, the company also made friends with clients from new emerging markets in Southeast Asia. The intended purchase amount reached 300 thousand U.S. dollars. On the same day, Nantong Rongchang Manufacture and Trading Co., Ltd. met with more than 40 batches of overseas purchasers, negotiated and settled a batch of intention orders. To confront the Canton Fair, Rongchang developed a batch of new products for construction according to the needs of the market, which were favoured by clients from countries including Saudi Arabia, Peru, and Argentina. Among them, the Swedish client confirmed the order on the spot.

Jiangsu published 10 best bird watching resorts

Rudong Xiaoyangkou Spoon-billed Sandpiper Wetland Reserve shortlisted

By Yu Huijuan

On 22nd April, Jiangsu Forestry Bureau published the first batch of 10 best bird watching resorts in Jiangsu. The reporter learnt from the Municipal Bureau of Natural Resources and Planning that Nantong Rudong Xiaoyangkou Spoon-billed Sandpiper Wetland Reserve was short-listed.

Rudong Xiaoyangkou has ample wetland resources. The wide intertidal mudflat nourishes a lot of

benthic organisms, which provide ample food resources for rare and endangered birds such as Spoon-billed Sandpiper and Saunders's Gull. Every migration season, thousands of plover sandpiper water birds came here to rest, eat and moult. In the nearby coastal protection forests, there are always migratory forest birds which pass by, such as Terpsiphone atrocaudata and Blue-and-white Flycatcher. The best bird watching time is from April to May and from September to November every year.

Top 100 popular museums list for the first quarter of 2024 released

Nantong Museum shortlisted

By Yang Zhenxiao

On 7th April, Top 100 popular museums list for the first quarter of 2024 was released. Nantong Museum is on the list, ranking the 57th. It is ranked the 8th among Top 100 popular museums of prefecture-level cities.

Nantong Museum was founded by Zhang Jian, a famous industrialist, educator, and social activist

in modern times, in 1905. It is the first public museum founded by Chinese people.

Apart from that, among the top 30 county museums in top 100 popular museums, Hai'an Museum ranks the 18th; among the top 30 theme museums in top 100 popular museums, Jiangsu Jianghai Museum and Henry C.Lee Museum of Forensic Sciences rank the 27th and 28th respectively.



‘Xue Long 2’ returned, a Nantong teacher shared his feeling about the scientific expedition——

‘The work is tough, but I will never forget it in my life’

By Gao Yang

‘I feel very warm and excited to return home.’ On 16th April, ‘Xue Long 2’ completed its 40th South Pole scientific expedition task successfully and returned to the Shanghai base. Xiao Jinfeng, a teacher from School of Nautical Technology of Jiangsu Shipping College, returned with the team. On the afternoon of 17th April, Xiao Jinfeng returned to Nantong.

On 1st November 2023, the 40th South Pole scientific expedition team of China set out from Shanghai. Xiao Jinfeng went with them as the chief officer and maneuvering officer of ‘Xue Long 2’ polar scientific expedition icebreaker. During the journey of more than 5 months and more than 80 thousand nautical miles, apart from navigation watch, he was also responsible



Xiao Jinfeng

for external contact, handling of Entry and Exit procedures, responding to port state inspections, and ship system management of ‘Xue Long 2’. He also worked on course arrange-

ment and lecturing of Navigation College of South Pole University.

Xiao Jinfeng shared with the reporter his most unforgettable moment during the South Pole scientific

expedition. ‘When Qinling Station was completed and opened, the moment the Five-Starred Red Flag rose slowly, I was full of tears instantly.’ Xiao Jinfeng said that at that time ‘Xue Long 2’ was only 2 nautical miles away from Qinling Station, ‘when I saw a flash of Chinese red in a world of ice and snow, my pride arose naturally.’

It is worth mentioning that Xiao Jinfeng also participated the international rescue action of ‘Xue Long 2’ to help a ship in distress in the sea area near Papua New Guinea in the whole progress. During the period, he played the role of a ‘signalman’, worked for nearly 30 hours without sleep or rest, and built a hopeful ‘lifeline’ between the ship which called for help and rescue forces, which played a crucial role in the success of the rescue.

‘Although working in the South Pole is tough, I will never forget it in my life.’ Xiao Jinfeng said.

Nantong launched multiple measures

Let foreign friends consume conveniently

- Swiping overseas bank cards directly at scenic spots
- Exchanging RMB at hotel lobbies
- Withdrawing cash at ATMs in bank branches with foreign bank cards
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By Zhang Shuilan and Li Xianju

Swiping overseas bank cards directly at scenic spots, exchanging RMB at hotel lobbies, withdrawing cash at ATMs in bank branches with foreign bank cards...the reporter visited places including Langshan Scenic Area, the Intercontinental Hotel, and Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Chengshan Road

Branch and learnt that Nantong has launched multiple measures to make it more convenient for foreigners to consume in Nantong.

‘It is very convenient to swipe the card directly to buy a ticket!’ A foreign tourist gave a thumbs-up after using ‘Discover Card’ to complete ticket purchase quickly. Hang Yongkang, the vice president of Bank of China Nantong Branch, introduced

that Bank of China supports payment of 6 types of foreign cards. Up to now, the bank provides foreign card swiping services for 742 merchants in Nantong. At the same time, all operating branches support foreign currency exchange. They can accept up to 25 kinds of currencies, and 12 foreign currency exchange stations have been set up over the city.

The convenience of withdrawing cash with foreign cards is an important aspect of payment service. At the ATM machine of Chengshan Road Branch of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, the reporter saw that 6 types of foreign cards were supported for cash withdrawal. Yu Taoyuan, the person in charge of the branch, said, ‘up to now, ATM machines which support cash withdrawal with foreign cards have been put in all branches of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, which let foreign friends who come to Nantong withdraw cash anytime they arrive.’

Briefly

A Nantong juvenile won the world champion of International Style of Ballroom Dancing

By Gao Yang

Recently, the 66th Blackpool Junior Dance Festival was held at Blackpool, England. Zhu Yiran, a student from class 6 grade 3 of Nantong Zhaohui Primary School, won the world champion of eight-year-old group.

